



Kennel Lake Sportsmen's Club **Rules & Regulations**

The person in whose name the membership is held is responsible for his or her own family and guests' behavior while on the club grounds. Violators are subject to expulsion, pending a hearing before the Board of Directors.

The gate officially opens May 1st and closes October 31st

1. Purpose, Authority & Applicability

- 1.1. These Rules & Regulations (the "Rules") govern use of all property, facilities, equipment, and waters owned, leased, or managed by Kennel Lake Sportsmen's Club (the "Club"). The Rules apply to all Members, Affiliate Members, household family members, Guests, renters, invitees, and contractors present on Club Premises. Compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws is required.
- 1.2. **Authority.** The Board of Directors (the "Board") adopts and may amend these Rules by majority vote. The Board may promulgate temporary rules for safety, maintenance, events, or emergencies; such rules are enforceable upon posting.
 - 1.2.1. Kennel Lake Board of Directors; 309-266-9641
- 1.3. **Effective Date; Supersession.** Effective **January 1, 2026**. These Rules supersede all prior versions. A copy shall be posted at the gate and clubhouse and on the Club's website.
- 1.4. **Definitions.** See Section 2.

2. Definitions

- 2.1. **Affiliate Member:** A minor child or tax-dependent residing in a Member's household through December 31 of the calendar year in which the individual turns 18, unless otherwise specified by the By-Laws.
- 2.2. **Bather / Beach Area:** The designated swimming and beach zones identified by signage.
- 2.3. **Board:** The Club's duly elected Board of Directors.
- 2.4. **Club Premises:** All land, buildings, waters, docks, ramps, parking areas, and equipment owned, leased, or controlled by the Club.
- 2.5. **Event:** A Board-approved activity, rental, or program conducted on Club Premises.
- 2.6. **Guest:** A non-Member present on Club Premises at the invitation of, and accompanied by, a Member who remains on site and is responsible for the Guest's conduct.
- 2.7. **Member:** A dues-paying adult member in good standing under the By-Laws.
- 2.8. **Minor:** An individual under 18 years of age.
- 2.9. **Service Animal:** A dog (or, where reasonable, a miniature horse) trained to perform tasks for a person with a disability; emotional support, comfort, or therapy animals are not Service Animals.
- 2.10. **Vessel / Watercraft:** Any craft used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on water, including kayaks, canoes, paddleboards, and boats.

3. Membership, Guests & Age-Based Rules

- 3.1. **Member Responsibility.** Members are responsible for the conduct, safety, and damages caused by their Affiliate Members and Guests at all times.
- 3.2. **Minors.** Minors under **15** must be directly supervised by a responsible adult Member while on Club Premises. Minors may not host Guests unless accompanied by an adult Member. The Club has retained the provision to allow a 19-year-old whose family is a Club member to join the Club without paying an initiation fee.
- 3.3. **Membership Refunds/Transfers.** Memberships are non-refundable, non-transferable, and not prorated. The Board may approve exceptions in writing at its sole discretion.

4. Access, Hours & Curfew

- 4.1. **Seasonal Gate Calendar.** The Board shall post annual gate and grounds hours by month. Absent notice, the standard schedule is:
 - 4.1.1. **May 1–Aug 31:** Grounds open 6:00 a.m. – 9:45 p.m., with the gates being locked at 10:00 p.m.

- 4.1.2. **Sep 1–Oct 31:** Grounds open 7:00 a.m. – 7:45 p.m., with the gates being locked at 8:00 p.m.
- 4.1.3. **Nov 1–Apr 30:** Vehicle gates locked; pedestrian access permitted for fishing during daylight hours unless posted otherwise.

- 4.2. **After-Hours:** Remaining on Club Premises after closing without authorization is prohibited. Board-approved Events may extend hours as posted.
- 4.3. **Checkpoints.** The Board may implement gate codes, sign-in logs, ID checks, or any other means as necessary. Failure to present identification may result in removal.

5. Code of Conduct & General Prohibitions

- 5.1. **Respectful Conduct.** Disorderly conduct; harassment; threats; profanity directed at others; vandalism; or behavior creating a safety hazard is prohibited. Profane language or nudity will not be tolerated.
- 5.2. **Littering; Waste.** No Littering! Please leave the grounds better than you found it. Do not throw rubbish on lawns or in the lake. Please place all garbage in containers. Do not throw rocks into the lake.
- 5.3. **Alcohol & Cannabis.** Alcohol is permitted by adults in lawful quantities except in **Beach Area**, docks, and on ice. Glass containers are prohibited outdoors. Cannabis and illegal drugs are prohibited on Club Premises.
- 5.4. **Fireworks, Explosives, and Open Flames.** All fireworks and explosives are prohibited. Campfires are permitted only in provided rings/pits; never leave unattended; extinguish fully.
- 5.5. **5.5. Bouncy Houses / Inflatable Attractions.** Bouncy houses and other inflatable attractions (including inflatable slides/obstacle courses) are not allowed on Club Premises.
- 5.6. **Firearms/Weapons.** Guns, bows, crossbows, BB guns, pellet guns, paintball guns, handguns, shotguns, muzzleloaders, rifles, and arrows are prohibited on the club grounds. Boy Scouts can ask the Board of Directors to give them permission to use the grounds to teach archery.
- 5.7. **Drones (UAS).** Launching, landing, or operating drones from Club Premises is prohibited without prior written Board approval.
- 5.8. **Pets & Animals.** No pets are permitted on Club Premises. **Service Animals** are welcome; handlers must maintain control and clean up waste.
- 5.9. **Fundraisers.** Fundraisers will be allowed with Board approval. Requests for fundraisers must be presented in person by the organization at the Board's regularly scheduled monthly meeting. For more information, contact the Club Secretary.
- 5.10. **Cameras:** Security cameras may be present and recording on the property for safety and rule enforcement.

6. Vehicles, Parking & Mobility Devices

- 6.1. **Speed Limit. 15 mph** unless otherwise posted.
- 6.2. **Where to Park.** Park only in designated areas; do not block gates, ramps, dams, or emergency access. The Club may tow or immobilize vehicles at owner's expense for violations.
- 6.3. **Unlicensed/Off-Road Vehicles.** ATVs, UTVs, snowmobiles, mini-bikes, tractors, golf carts, and/or similar vehicles are prohibited unless used by the Club for maintenance or expressly authorized.
- 6.4. **Mobility Devices.** Wheelchairs and other mobility aids used by persons with disabilities are permitted wherever pedestrians are allowed.

7. Beach & Swimming

- 7.1. **No Lifeguard on Duty.** Swim at your own risk. Children under **15** must be accompanied by a responsible adult Member within the Beach Area.
- 7.2. **Permitted Hours.** Due to state regulations, swimming will be open Memorial Day weekend and close preceding Labor Day. Swimming is permitted only during posted daylight hours when the Beach Area is open. The swimming area opens at 6:00 AM and closes at 9:00 p.m.
- 7.3. **Prohibitions.** No alcohol, tobacco, vaping, glass, or cans on the beach or in the water. No pets. Diving is prohibited. Floaties not bigger than 6' X 3' are permitted, but oars and paddles are prohibited in the swimming area.
- 7.4. **Safety Equipment.** The Club will maintain rescue equipment (ring buoy with rope and reaching pole) and an emergency call procedure at the Beach Area.
- 7.5. **Water Quality & Closures.** The Club may close the Beach Area for weather, contamination, turbidity, or other safety reasons. Obey posted closures immediately.

8. Boating & Paddle Sports

- 8.1. **Electric-Only.** Only electric trolling motors are permitted. Launch only at designated areas.
- 8.2. **Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs).** Each person must have a properly-fitting, USCG-approved wearable PFD on board; all children under **13** must wear a PFD while aboard any vessel underway. Vessels ≥ 16 ft (except canoes/kayaks) must carry a throwable device.
- 8.3. **Right of Way & Speed.** Operate at no-wake speed. Yield to swimmers and shore anglers; maintain safe distances from docks and the Beach Area.
- 8.4. **After-Dark.** Boating after dark is prohibited unless expressly authorized; if authorized, vessels must be properly lighted and equipped.
- 8.5. **Aquatic Invasive Species.** Clean, drain, and dry all watercraft, trailers, and equipment before launching; removal of all vegetation is required.
- 8.6. **Boat Slips.** Boat slips may be rented for the year. Your boat must be secured to a cable provided by the lake. Must contact the Club Secretary for availability; Cost is \$60.

9. Fishing

- 9.1. **Eligibility.** Fishing is restricted to members, associate members listed on your membership card, and some non-member children as follows: A member may bring up to three (3) non-member children, up to the age of 15, when accompanied by the member. This is to accommodate grandchildren and affiliate members' friends to allow them to learn about fishing.
- 9.2. **Licenses & Laws.** All anglers must comply with state licensing and regulations. Members are not allowed to add fish habitats to the lake; Doing so will result in a fine
- 9.3. **Live Bait:** The use of minnows, goldfish, or any other live fish obtained from outside the lake is strictly prohibited and may not be introduced to the lake.
- 9.4. **Gear Restrictions.** The use or deployment of any **trout lines, gill nets, trammel nets, cast nets, hoop nets, seines, traps, or similar devices** used for the purpose of catching fish is **strictly prohibited**. **Handheld landing nets** are permitted **only** to safely land and release a hooked fish; any other use is forbidden. **Magnet fishing is not allowed.**
- 9.4. **Swimming-Area Standoff. No fishing is permitted within 15ft of the swim rope or within the designated Beach Area,** and
- 9.5. no casting over or across the swim rope at any time. The Board may mark or buoy the boundary and may adjust the standoff by posted notice to address seasonal conditions.
- 9.6. **Creel & Slot Limits.** The Board shall publish and post annual species-specific limits. Unless otherwise posted, a Guest's catch counts toward the hosting **Member's weekly limit:**
- 9.6.1. Bluegill limit – 40 per week, per family (10 bluegill over 8" – 30 bluegills under 8") Please read all posted signs for updates.
- 9.6.2. Catfish limit - 4 per week, per family (must be 12" in length or larger) Please read all posted signs for updates.
- 9.6.3. Bass limit - 5 per week, per family (must release bass between 12"-16") Please read all posted signs for updates.
- 9.6.4. Walleye limit - 4 per week, per family (must be 18" in length or larger) Please read all posted signs for updates.
- 9.6.5. Crappie limit - 15 per week, per family (must release crappie under 9") Please read all posted signs for updates.
- 9.7. **Reporting.** Members must register ALL fish removed from the lake to better regulate fish population.
- 9.8. **Ice Fishing.** Ice fishing is at the individual's risk. Recommended minimum ice thickness is **4-6 inches** for foot travel. Alcohol is prohibited on the ice. Remove shelters daily and pack out all equipment.
- 9.9. **Fish Cleaning Prohibited.** Cleaning of fish is prohibited on Club Premises (including the beach area, docks, parking areas, and any common-use spaces). Dispose of fish waste off-site.
- 9.10. **9.10. Fishing Hours.** Fishing hours are as posted by the Board and may change seasonally.
- 9.11. **9.11. Gate Closing Buffer.** All fishing activity must cease thirty (30) minutes prior to gate closing.

10. Camping

- 10.1. **Eligibility.** Camping is limited to Members in good standing and their immediate households unless otherwise authorized for an Event.
 - 10.1.1. Camping is permitted only from May 1st through October 31st.
 - 10.1.2. Camping is permitted in designated areas only Tuesday night through Saturday night.
 - 10.1.3. No more than 5 consecutive days in a row.
 - 10.1.4. Sunday night camping is not permitted, except for Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends or if the 4th of July falls on a Monday.
 - 10.1.5. Monday nights will not be permitted at all.
 - 10.1.6. Will be permitted for single axle pop-ups or trailers and tents, only. Sorry, No motorhomes!
 - 10.1.7. The permit charge is \$10.00/night per site. Site #1 charge is \$20.00/night
 - 10.1.8. One family membership per permit. Maximum 3 tents and 8 occupants per site. Only site #1 will accommodate 6 tents and 16 occupants.
 - 10.1.9. All camping is on a first come basis. No reservations anytime. Check in building is located between site #6 & 7.
 - 10.1.10. Fill out forms and pay appropriate cost immediately before setting up camp.
- 10.2. **Check-In/Out & Duration.** Check-in after **12:00 p.m.**; check-out by **11:00 a.m.** Maximum stay and holiday exceptions will be posted annually; back-to-back bookings may be limited during peak periods. Guests of campers who are not camping must be off the property 15 minutes before the gate closes for the night. Campers should not leave the property after the gate closes.
- 10.3. **Quiet Hours. 10:00 p.m.–7:00 a.m.** Generators are prohibited.
- 10.4. **Sites & Utilities.** Occupy only the site assigned, campers are not permitted to set up and use the pavilions as part of their campsite. There is no electricity at campsites. Electricity may be "borrowed" from the nearest pavilion, provided no one is using the pavilion at the time. Campers must unplug or share electricity if a pavilion is occupied. All cords must be unplugged if not in use! Electricity may ONLY be temporarily used for small appliances. No refrigerators or AC. Campers must park in the parking areas adjacent to the camp area. No cars are to be parked in the camp areas or pavilions. Do not park beyond the site # post. Vehicles should be no more than one car length in from the road. Bumper near edge of the road.
- 10.5. **Camp Fires & Firewood.** Campfires must be made ONLY in the fire rings provided. Do Not throw cans, glass, or plastic in fire rings. Firewood is not provided; however, available firewood is located near site #10 and most need to be cut. No chainsaws. Absolutely, no wood of any kind can be dumped in the campfire wood pile. Dumping wood at the campfire wood pile will result in a fine.

11. Clubhouse & Pavilion Rentals

- 11.1. **Reservation & Security Deposit.** Reservations require a deposit and written agreement. Keys must be returned as instructed.

- 11.1.1. The clubhouse and kitchen may be rented to **Members** for the following fees:
 - 11.1.1.1. The large room with kitchen for \$150.00
 - 11.1.1.2. The small room with kitchen for \$100.00
 - 11.1.1.3. The entire building for \$225.00 o A \$100.00 refundable deposit (clean-up fee/key return) is required with all rentals.
 - 11.1.2. **Non-Members** may also rent the clubhouse for the following fees:
 - 11.1.2.1. The large room with kitchen for \$250.00
 - 11.1.2.2. The small room with kitchen for \$200.00
 - 11.1.2.3. The entire building for \$425.00
 - 11.1.3. A \$100.00 refundable deposit (clean-up fee/key return) is required with all rentals.
 - 11.1.4. Contact the clubhouse at (309) 266-9641 for information or leave a message and the Secretary will return your call.
 - 11.1.5. Cancellations will be refunded (deposit money) provided seven (7) days' notice is given, prior to date of rental.
 - 11.2. **Alcohol.** BYOB is permitted for adults; sale or service by a third party requires licensed servers and dram-shop coverage. No alcohol may be consumed in the Beach Area.
 - 11.3. **Occupancy & Cleanup.** Occupancy limits will be posted and must be observed. The facility must be restored to original condition; additional cleaning charges may apply.
 - 11.4. **Hours.** Facilities must be vacated by **12:00 a.m.** unless the Board approves an extension in writing at least **30 days** in advance.
- 12. Disc Golf**
- 12.1. **Course Access.** Use is limited to Members and their Guests unless using Pay-to-Play and/or participating in a Board-approved tournament or clinic. A member may bring up to 3 guests. Guests must sign a waiver if required by the Board.
 - 12.1.1. The course is open year-round, dawn to dusk except on the Saturdays in April and November when maintenance is being done on the grounds.
 - 12.2. **Pay-to-Play:** Non-Members may pay to play the course. One round is \$5 per non-member and can be paid using the following: PayPal - Kennellake@yahoo.com or Venmo - @Kennel_Lake
 - 12.3. **Etiquette & Safety.** Yield to pedestrians, swimmers, and water/beach users; throw only when the landing area is clear. Obey all posted out-of-bounds and mando lines.
 - 12.4. **Events.** Tournament play by non-members may be authorized subject to event rules, waivers, and insurance.
- 13. Scouts & Organized Youth Groups**
- 13.1. **Permission & Insurance.** Prior Board approval is required. Organizations must provide proof of insurance naming the Club as additional insured and comply with their own youth-protection policies, including two-adult supervision for overnights.
- 14. Emergencies, Severe Weather & Closures**
- 14.1. **Emergency Contact.** In an emergency call **911**; the Club will post the physical address and emergency access points at kiosks.
 - 14.2. **Lightning Rule.** At the first sound of thunder or sight of lightning, clear the water and exposed areas immediately; wait **30 minutes** after the last thunder before resuming activities.
 - 14.3. **Closures.** The Board or its designee may close any area of the Club for safety, maintenance, water quality, wildlife management, or Events. Members must comply with all closures.
- 15. Enforcement, Fines & Appeals**
- 15.1. **Grounds for Discipline.** Violations of these Rules, the By-Laws, posted notices, or lawful instructions of Club officials or volunteers may result in discipline.
 - 15.2. **Progressive Discipline Matrix.**
 - 15.2.1. **First Offense:** Written warning (may include on-site verbal direction followed by written notice).
 - 15.2.2. **Second Offense:** **\$50** fine.
 - 15.2.3. **Third Offense:** **\$150** fine and/or suspension of privileges up to **30 days**.
 - 15.2.4. **Severe/Major Violation** (e.g., weapons, fireworks, endangering others, vandalism, intoxicated operation of a vessel/vehicle, refusal to comply): immediate removal and suspension pending Board review; fines up to **\$500**; restitution for damages.
 - 15.3. **Notice & Payment.** Notices shall be delivered by email and/or mail to the Member's address on file. Fines are due within **30 days**; failure to pay constitutes a separate violation and may result in suspension.
 - 15.4. **Appeal.** A Member may submit a written appeal within **10 days** of notice. The Board (or a designated committee) will provide an opportunity to be heard and decide by majority vote; the decision is final within the Club.
- 16. Administrative Provisions**
- 16.1. **Posting & Communication.** The Club will maintain an official bulletin board at the gate/clubhouse and a website page for Rules, closures, and updates.
 - 16.2. **Amendments.** The Board may amend these Rules at any time; material changes will be posted and distributed to Members. Changes take effect upon posting unless stated otherwise.
 - 16.3. **Severability.** If any provision is invalid, the remainder remains in effect.
 - 16.4. **No Waiver.** Failure to enforce any provision is not a waiver of the Club's right to enforce it later.